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TO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MR, PDIP

SUBJECT: STATUS OF MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

REF: NOUACHOTT 2062

1. MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN CONFIRMED TO AF/W
ACTING DIRECTOR AUGUST 1 "PERSONALLY, CONFIDENTIALY AND
OFF THE RECORD" THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAM OF RECALL
ON THURSDAY BEFORE COUP AND ONE SUBSEQUENT. HE UNWILLING
TO BELIEVE THAT BOTH MESSAGES HAD APPROVAL OF THEN CHIEFS
OF STATE, THEORIZING THAT HE VICTIM OF MALEFACTORS,
INTER ALIA GIRM AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS, MADRID, AND
DR. BA BOCAR ALPHA. HE ASSERTS FOREMENTIONED ARE ALL
CROOKS, WHO PROFITED BY SHADY ARMS DEALS AND/OR SUGAR
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REFINERY DEALS AND WERE SUBJECT OF "SECRET" REPORT HE WAS
PREPARING FOR MOUCTAR OULD DADDAH.

2. KOCHMAN HAS RESISTED RECALL AND HAS INSISTED ON SIGNED
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SALEK BEFORE HE RELINQUISHES HIS
POST. MAURITANIAN EMBASSY MEANWHILE IN DISARRAY WHILE
TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO IN CHARGE, SIGNS CHECKS, ETC.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM GIRM EMBASSY SINCE COUP REGARDING DEPARTURE KOCHMAN, NOR REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR SUCCESSOR.

COMMENT: KOCHMAN APPEARS RESIGNED TO HIS FATE, DESPITE INITIAL RESISTANCE. HE HAS NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO MAURITANIA AND HAS GIVEN NOTICE TO TENANT OF HIS PERSONALLY OWNED HOME IN WASHINGTON THAT HE INTENDS TO REOCCUPY THE HOUSE. HE HAS TOLD EMBASSY STAFF AND VISITING GIRM MFA INSPECTOR THAT HE HAS "DOSSIERS" ON KEY FIGURES WHICH HE COULD REVEAL IN PRESS CONFERENCE AND TO JEUNE AFRIQUE. THREATENED REVELATIONS PROBABLY ARE BLUSTER INTENDED TO INDUCE PROMPT PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDINGS CLAIM; TO SALARY, EDUCATION ALLOWANCES, ETC. AS FOR THE FUTURE, KOCHMAN THINKS HE HAS THE MAKINGS OF A GREAT BOOK.

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